POSTSCRIPT

To *Abuſes*, &c. *obviated.*

BEING a Short and Modeſt Anſwer to Matters of Fact maliciouſly miſrepreſented in a late Doggrel DIALOGUE.

BURLESQUE is a kind of continued *Irony* repreſenting the loweſt abject Perſons as *Heroes*, and on the contrary depreſſing Characters of Diſtinction. How kindly then ſhould the Reverend *Miniſters* and Mr. *Boylſton* nam'd at length in a late *Dialogue*, take it of theſe inconſiderate Authors, who in this their *doggrel Performance* make them the *Heroes* of the Farce? They muſt impute it to their Ignorance of the Nature of a *burleſque Satyr.*

Publick Ridiculing the Dialect of the *Northern Parts of Great Britain*, by comparing it to a ſilly *Jargon* of their own contriving, is no Reflection on the Perſon they ſeem to write againſt; he writes and ſpeaks as the *Town* generally do: But it is an Aſperſion on part of our *Mother Country.* Publick Reflections on a *Country* are not to be anſwered by publick or private counter Reflections on the *Authors Country*; it would be baſe, unmannerly and unbecoming a Gentleman: The Love and reſpect I bear to this Country renders me incapable of ſo vile a thought. The Characters of Countries are Edge-Tools not to be play'd withal, they who in a publick notorious manner are guilty of ſuch Things, are generally for ever and at any Rate the Objects of the higheſt Reſentments of every native of the Country ſo abuſed and vilify'd.

Calumny and *Scurrility* foreign to Matters of Fact, are undervalued; they only reflect on their Authors, and generally take off the Edge and Force of their Performance. *Your Phyſick is not good. Who would take of your Phyſick? I am ſure I would not*, and ſuch like childiſh weak low Paſſages, require no Anſwer, What was *formerly obviated* in ſome late Papers is generally paſſed over. In ſhort, the whole ſhould have been neglected, if Matter of Fact were not in an egregious Manner belyed, they well knowing that Men dont care to turn back to the late temporary Books to find the Truth of Caſes now forgot. Without giving the Characters of the reputed Authors, or making Animadverſions of any kind, I ſhall confine my ſelf to Matter of Fact, and in as few words as poſſible.

I ſhall not depreciate the general word *Academicus*, nor by uſing of it reflect on *Harvard College*, I wiſh it may flouriſh and proſper; but inſtead thereof, to the particular things advanced in the *Dialogue* I ſhall prefix theſe imaginary Letters, D. C. M. and then ſubjoin nothing but Matter of Fact in anſwer to them.

D. C. M. 'It was it's being by your ſelves (and many "others) reckon'd a Caſe or Matter of Conſcience, that "made us *write*, elſe perhaps we would never have "troubled you.

Does this excuſe your writing practically on a *Medical* Subject; or alleviate the vileſt *Scurrilities* that ever before appear'd in Print.

D.C.M. "It's a deſign of deſtroying the Religion of "the Country, by employing ſome of the Phyſicians as "*Tools* to their accurſed purpoſe.

A groundleſs Clamour. We know of no ſuch Deſign; Our *Practitioners* you have found by experience, are not to be uſed as *Tools*.

D.C.M. "Dr. *Mather* did not ſend Circular Letters to "all the Practitioners in Town, there were ſome (leſs "noted) he had no thoughts of. He deſired a ſecond "Perſon might communicate them to the Owner of the "Originals.

It is accordingly ſaid only the *noted Practitioners*. If he had been candid, he would have ſent directly to the owner

owner of these *Communications*, or rather would have discoursed the matter Personally with him, as in former Times he has done on more trivial Occasions.

D.C.M. "Dr. *Mather*'s Circular Letter says, I move "it be warily proceeded in. —— Let the Body be wisely prepar'd. —— Let there be a Consultation. —— "Whoever begins it, let him have the countenance of "his Brethren,

This Conclusion of his Circular Letter is unluckily brought upon the Stage; His Actions have bely'd his Words. I appeal to the Town, was there a previous Consultation, before it was attempted? and when a Consultation was appointed by the *Justices* and *Select Men*, did not this Man particularly, in contradiction to the unanimous Opinion of the *Practitioners*, push it on more violently than before? Had *B——n* the concurrence of his Brethren? Do they always prepare the Bodies of their Patients?

D.C.M. "A Divine who perhaps has read more in "Physick, than any of you.

What Volumes of *Physick* and the *Mathematicks* he may have swallow'd down without chewing, I cannot say; but I know so much of his Constitution, he is naturally troubled with indigestion.

D.C.M. "You said formerly, he was a Learned Man "of Pious and Charitable Designs; now you say he is "a Man of Whim, Credulity and Vanity; these are in-"consistent.

I knock under, I acknowledge my former mistake, as do many more in this Town.

D.C.M. "To say the People were cautious, is the "same as to say the prudent were cautious at first in "the practice; because the General includes all parti-"culars.

We all know that the People of Boston in general were at first against *Inoculation*, therefore Dr. *Mather* was against it; would be a false way of Reasoning, a meer *School-boy Quibble*. Before *Timonius* wrote, several in *Constantinople*, had been Inoculated, therefore the Word *People* in both Cases are of the same kind of *Universality*.

D.C.M. "I own it is said the Turks do not much

" come into it, inſtead of the Turks do not yet come " into it. I cannot tell how it happened ſo in the Preſs, " it is only the Word *much* for *yet*.

This Error (if of the Preſs) is of ſuch Conſequence, as to have required a publick Correction in ſome Weekly Paper.

D.C.M. " *Funeſti* is Tranſlated *ill Conſequence* inſtead " of *Mortal*, becauſe he does not pretend to a preciſe " Tranſlation, but only an Abſtract.

The word *mortal* the true preciſe Tranſlation, is ſhorter than the deſignedly falſe Tranſlation *ill Conſequence*, and therefore would, even according to this way of reaſoning, better ſuited an Abſtract.

D.C.M. " He does not omit Timonius ſaying it was " practiced when half the Infected dyed.

It is true; but he omits Pylarinus's (the lateſt Author) Words to the ſame purpoſe.

D.C.M. " His omitting ſome paſſages in Timonius " which ſeem to inſinuate that Inoculation is not al- " ways favourable, is becauſe he was writing an abſtract " not a long Original.

His abſtracting a ſhort Abſtract (we lately ſee it here Reprinted, is it a long Original ?) and omitting paſſages of Conſequence, will not bear this Excuſe, thus any Man may make *de quolibet, quidlibet*.

D.C.M. " *Timonius* does not ſay that Inoculation was " the Means of the Deaths of theſe two valetudinary " Children.

The Words of Dr. *Woodward*'s Abſtract of *Timonius* are, *Nor do I think it proper to be attempted on Perſons like to dye.* (Let our Inoculators reconcile this with the Solutions they deſign to give us of the inoculated Deaths in this Place, and their own regular Procedure.) *Some more quick Sighted imagined theſe two Children were as uſeleſs Shades, ſent to* Charon *by any* Means *that could be made uſe of*, Does not this intimate, that *Inoculation* was this very *Means*.

D.C.M. " The Reaſon why the Owner would not " reprint theſe Pieces on Inoculation, was (ſince no other " Copy could come into the Country,) that he might paſs " undetected.

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This ſuppoſes we have no Communication with *London*, or that the Owner was about to leave the Country before he did ſee himſelf detected; on the contrary, Mr. *Campbell* tells us he had a Copy Five Months ago, and the owner is a ſettled Inhabitant in the Place.

D. C. M. "If your reprinting of it were wicked, Dr. "*Halley* and the Royal Society are guilty of Wickedneſs.

If the Author ever peruſed the *Philoſophical Tranſactions*, he may find there many things never deſigned by them for Practice, (*v. g.* Dr. *Lower's* Transfuſion of the Blood) conſtantly publiſhed by Way of Amuſement. We find in Fact in this very Caſe, that *Timonius* has been by them publiſhed Seven Years, and no Thoughts of bringing it into Practice, until ſome Months ago that Dr. *Maitland* propoſed it might be try'd on *condemned Criminals*. But to encourage a headlong Procedure, in a Practice novel and dubious to us at this Juncture, eſpecially when the Owner of the Communication was not in himſelf convinced of its evident Utility and Safety; I think it *Wickedneſs*.

D. C. M. "You lye in ſaying the Winter Seaſon is "the only Seaſon recommended by the *Conſtantinople* "Inoculators.

Pylarinus (the lateſt Author) his own Words are, *Tempus ſecundum Operaticem hibernum deſideratur, et non niſi tali tempore ipſa inſitionem inſtituebat*. The Operatrix required, and perform'd it only in the Winter Seaſon. It's true, he conjectures the Spring may do, not having it ſeems uſed that Seaſon.

D. C. M. "If you ſay ſome *Africans* who told they "had been Inoculated, have now had the Small Pox in "the common Way, you may ſay any thing.

I appeal to the Town, if ſome Negroes, who in Confidence of having had the Small Pox formerly by Inoculation, did attend the Sick, were not taken ill of the Small Pox and dy'd; the laſt Inſtance I think was not long ago at *Marblehead*.

D. C. M. "A ſilly Story or Converſation between two "Blacks and two of the Promoters. Where are theſe "Books? You certainly ſee double. O Iron!

Vide *Some Account*, &c. p. 9. Mr. *Colman* p. 15. ſays,

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The pleaſing and informing Diſcourſe I had with a Poor Negro,

D. C. M. "The firſt Communication of it to the "Learned in *England*, was from Dr. *Timonius*, about Six "or Seven Years ago, and not Twenty Years known in "*England*. Thou waſt lying for a Wager.

I can adduce Perſons in this Town who when in *England* more than Seven Years ago, heard of it there. I appeal home to Multitudes, particularly to *Bellini's* (who has been dead many Years) Letter to *Pitcairn*, concerning this Practice when it firſt ſpread in *Italy*.

D. C. M. "It is Matter of Fact, that laſt Summer it "was approved of in *England*, and practiſed with Suc- "ceſs there, becauſe we had it ſo in one of the *London* "Prints.

He uſes the Argument of the ſilly Country Fellow, *It muſt be true, becauſe I ſee it in Print.* Was it in the *Gazette?* We all know, that any flying Report, if ſurpri-zing, is immediately printed in *London*, by ſome of the common *News-Writers*. How does the Words *inoculated Incognito* (the laſt News we had of this Practice) ſuit with an *approved* Practice; but this our buſy Inocula-tor was ſufficiently aware of; he candidly and adviſed-ly left out *incognito* when he ſent this News to the Preſs. It's true all Europe may be inoculated by this Time for any thing we know, but this Story related only to ſome Months ago.

D. C. M. "Spell *Philoſophy*, and conſtrue *Hades*.

I ſuppoſe he Deſigns to be witty upon *Couranto*. *Cou-rante* can anſwer for himſelf.

D. C. M. "Dr. *C. Mather* ſcorns to loſe Time to med- "dle with you: He ſcorns to anſwer what is wrote "againſt him.

This Aſſertion is not conſiſtent with his innate Itch of Writing. Moſt in Town are convinced, partly from his own Confeſſion, and other good Evidences, that he has had a Hand in the late Calumnys.

D. C. M. "You don't like the whining Preaching of Mr. C——n and C——r.

We all know they don't whine: If he did not like them, he is under no obligation to be their conſtant hearer.

hearer. Their names ſuffer by being breath'd upon by this infecting malignant Mouth; they abhor ſuch vile ungentlemanly uſage.

D. C. M. "*Fus et Nefos*, ſhould have been corrected "in the Preſs, *fas et Nefas*.

The Publick are obliged to you for this Sublime Piece of *Criticiſm*.

D.C.M. "Every Body but the Author (who here betrays his Ignorance in the Chronology of Phyſick) "knows that Dr. *Sydenham*'s writings were publiſhed "more than Forty Three Years ago.

This Man is void of Shame. Dr. *Sydenham*'s Letter to Dr. *Brady de morbis Epidemicis ab* A. 1675 to 1680 is dated 30th *Dec.* 1679. His Letter to Dr. *Cole, de Variolis confluentibus et affectione Hyſterica* bears date 17th *Nov.* 1681. His Piece *de Febre putrida Variolis confluentibus Superveniente* was finiſhed 29th *Sept.* 1686.

D.C.M. "The Evidences of the Ill Conſequences, &c. "of Inoculation are only that, They heard a Man ſay, "that ſomebody told him, that he heard a Report.

Vide News Letter, 24th July 1721. M. *Dal'Honde*'s Depoſition is from his own Perſonal Knowledge.

D.C.M. "In England it is a very common thing to "carry Children into the infected Chambers, on purpoſe "to give them the Small Pox.

Some few do, but it is not a Practice juſtify'd there; grown Perſons are never thus expoſed, neither Women with Child.

D.C.M. "Thou art a Murderer (if felonious) becauſe "you have privately declar'd ſo often in Favour of it; "and poſitively ſaid you could paſs no poſitive Judg- "ment on the Practice.

He never ſaid ſo much privately in favour of it, as he candidly publiſhed p. 20. viz. "That Inoculation is frequently more favourable, and not altogether ſo mortal; not one of the Inoculated, ſo far as we know, in the Space of Five or Six Months has had the *Small Pox* in the natural Way". When a Man is not poſitive of a Practice, it is natural and conſiſtent for him to be cautious in the raſh and indiſcreet Uſe of it.

D. C. M. "You ridicule the Magiſtrates and Miniſters Inoculators.

This is obviated in *Abuſes* &c. *obviated*, p. 4.

D. C. M. "Infection was never communicated by their running Inciſions.

I appeal to the Town. D. C. M.

D. C. M. " Thou art thankful to God for the late Deaths of " the Inoculated.

It is only said, *That the late Deaths of ſeveral Inoculated, has put a Stop to their career in ſpreading Infection*, is acknowledged a merciful and remarkable Providence at that time, in the ſevereſt Seaſon, when many Country Towns were like to have been perſwaded into the Practice, to the depopulating the Province.

D. C. M. " Of ſeveral who have dy'd while under Inocula- " tion, not one truly dy'd of it.

I appeal to the Town in an abſolute Senſe; and to themſelves, how they can reconcile their inoculating People as they ſay, otherways a dying with their not being guilty of a raſh Procedure: Who but Madmen would unadviſedly diſcredit the Practice by uſing it on ſuch Subjects?

D. C. M. " It has been ſo univerſally Succeſsful, that none but " ſuch as are ignorant and malicious, as you are, have queſtion'd it.

That is, moſt of our *Juſtices*, *Select-Men*, &c. and Twenty to One all over *New-England*, are ignorant, malicious, and every thing elſe ſaid of you in the friendly Debate.

D. C. M. " You learnedly propoſe, That Inoculation may be " ordered by Act of Parliament as a Succedaneum to the Small " Pox, to purify the Blood from the remaining Fœculency.

This is a Sample of his *Candor* in Quotations. P. 14. it is ſaid that an Act of Parliament can only (in my Opinion) allow of ſuch a Practice; and p. 20, If there be any ill Conſequences, & if they may be managed by carrying off the remaining Fœculency by ſome Medicinal Courſe, as Salivation, *&c.* it may be an adequate Succedaneum to the Small Pox. As to what relates to Oyl of Tobacco, &c. I refer to *Redi* and others who have wrote on Poyſons.

D. C. M. " Conſider Dr. *Harris* abſtracted as a Voucher.

Vide *Abuſes* &c. *obviated* p. 10.

D. C. M. " I inſinuate (p. 21.) that the Select Men are Patrons " of the Abuſes on the Miniſters and ſacred Scriptures.

This is uſing the Guardians of the Town very ill. This is outragious Malice.

D. C. M. " *Ubi duo Medici, ibi tres Athei.*

That is in broad Engliſh, three Halfs of our Phyſicians are wicked Men; this is a learned Blunder, tho' not the greateſt of many in this low, mean Book, not worth while to repeat and quibble about.

May D. C. M. when he writes or cauſes to write, forbear Scurrilities; they are a Scandal to his Profeſſion, and hurt his Argument. Let him keep cloſe to Matter of Fact; railing is not reaſoning in this Country.

N. B. Dr. *C. M*——*r* ſays, in expreſs Words, of the Doggrel Dialogue, *That the Authors of it are ſuch as a Conſcience of Truth ſtirred up in THIS WAY* (that is with the vileſt national and perſonal Scurrilities) *to vindicate it.* FINIS.